

RUSHING PLANS FOR FIRST BATTALION'S START FOR BORDER

District Guardsmen Now Fully Equipped for Active Service in Field.

RECRUITS COMING IN FAST

Men Put Through Drill Despite Heat to Harden Them to Weather of Desert.

Officers at the District mobilization camp near Fort Myer concentrated their efforts today in putting everything in readiness for the departure of the First Battalion by the end of the week.

The issuing of equipment and the vaccination against smallpox, were completed yesterday evening. All that remains before the battalion will be declared ready to entrain for the border, is filling up the companies to minimum war strength.

With recruits coming in fast enough to keep those at the recruiting stations at hard work during the day, there is little doubt that the rank of the First Battalion will be filled before Saturday. The remaining details incident to the departure of the men will be completed by Saturday at the latest.

The men are now fully equipped for their service on the border. All have been issued new uniforms and shoes. Sweaters also were issued yesterday, and as these latter are considered a luxury more than necessities, the men are considered fully equipped and ready for the trip.

This morning, although the heat was intense, the men were marched to the Fort Myer drill ground and there drilled in close and extended order formations.

The men seemed to think if they were able to go through the drill this morning in the blistering heat without mishap, they would be able to stand the sweltering climate of the border.

The men are becoming proficient in both close and extended order drills.

For the past few days the men of the First Battalion have been given some practical drills in the sending out of advance guard to look over the country supposed to be in possession of the enemy. The other troops of the Third Regiment also took part in these maneuvers, and many exciting engagements took place between the advanced squads.

All Men Ordered to Use Mosquito Netting

Although mosquito netting has been issued to all the members of the District National Guard, a midnight inspection of the tents revealed to the officers the sad fact that many of the men had discarded them, and were taking their chances with the mosquitoes "unarmed."

Orders were issued yesterday that hereafter the men would have to use the netting, and smoking against infection by mosquito bites.

The size and persistence of the mosquitoes have inspired every member of the national guard with a great respect for these midnight visitors.

In speaking of their size, one of the men tells a story of being awakened the other night by feeling a weight on his chest. After being alarmed for fear that the tent had fallen down on him, he finally found that it was "only a Fort Myer eagle," as the mosquitoes are designated.

Officers of D. C. Militia Make Merry At Dance

Officers of the District Militia and those connected with the Second Cavalry stationed at Fort Myer, enjoyed a dance last night. Practically every officer in the local citizen-soldiers, and all the commissioned men at the barracks participated in the affair. Conspicuous among the dancers were Gen. William E. Harvey, commanding the militia, and Major Charles W. Pennington, commander of the Second Cavalry.

Music was furnished by the Third Infantry Band. The administration building was filled with scores of dancers, and liberal number of "wall flowers." The somber uniforms of the officers and variegated "wrens of the feminine contingent lent a colorful aspect to the ensemble.

"Wet Night" Celebrated By the Emmet Guards

"Wet Night" was celebrated by thirty members of the old Emmet Guard of the District of Columbia National Guard at Rupert's Park, Bladensburg road.

This organization enrolled as a whole during the Spanish-American war and went to Cuba as Company "A," First District of Columbia Infantry, United States Volunteers.

The Wet Night Club is the outcome of this campaign; and notwithstanding the seeming significance, refers to water.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Thomas D. Bell, president; John Ryan, vice president; Joseph A. Harvey, secretary; John A. Gallagher, treasurer; and William C. O'Neill, sergeant-at-arms.

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News and Gossip From Radio Camp

Bible Class Alliance Is Collecting Magazines and Books of Fiction for the District Guards Here and on the Border.

Having provided pocket testaments and other religious literature for members of the District National Guard, the Bible Class Alliance is beginning a campaign to collect magazines and books of fiction to distribute among the men both at Radio and on the Mexican border.

Any person having old books or magazines is requested to notify W. P. Cooke, 351 Randolph place northeast, who will call for them and have them delivered to the District's soldier boys.

Guardsmen Vaccinated To Ward Off Smallpox

When the militiamen in camp were beginning to congratulate themselves on the fact that they had only one more "shot" to receive from the medical department, and after that they would be able to ward off any attack of typhoid fever, the First Battalion and Machine Gun Company, of the Third Regiment, were marched to the regimental infirmary yesterday and vaccinated against smallpox.

Bankers Send Tobacco To National Guardsmen

Following the European custom of providing tobacco and other such luxuries for the man in the field, several of the trust and banking concerns of the city sent a large supply of tobacco to the national guardsmen yesterday afternoon.

The supply, consisting of 2,000 packages of first grade smoking tobacco, 2,000 pounds of chewing tobacco, 2,000

packages of cigarette papers, 600 pipes, and 600 good cigars, arrived in a truck, and was unloaded at Major Whitaker's tent for distribution among the men.

The tobacco will be distributed fairly among the guardsmen, each one having his choice of pipe, cigars, or cigarettes. Maj. John Doyle, of the Medical Corps, who arrived with the truck bringing the tobacco, and who was one of the donors, said that it was the intention of the men who presented this gift to the militiamen to follow it up with similar ones for their comfort and convenience.

Guardsmen Building Model Dining Halls

The longer the District militiamen stay in camp the more they learn about many things, and the better conditions get. Today the militiamen who have been sitting on the ground eating their meals since the mobilization camp was established, were put to work constructing model dining halls.

The kitchens were screened with wire and equipped with spring doors about two weeks ago. Major J. C. Whitaker and Capt. M. M. Neville have just been authorized by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the department of the East, to spend \$2,000 in constructing model dining halls.

The halls will be about thirty feet long, and are to be screened like the kitchens.

In the center of each dining hall a long table, big enough to accommodate sixty-five men, will be constructed, while on either side benches will be built.

SIXTY FLYTRAPS AT THE DISTRICT CAMP

Each Kitchen To Be Furnished With Three, and Others Will Be Put Everywhere.

Sixty flytraps with a capacity of 5,000, 000 flies each are being constructed at the District militia mobilization camp and will be put into service there as fast as they are finished.

Each kitchen will be furnished with three and others will be placed all over the camp grounds.

The flytraps were invented by Major John Q. Whitaker, chief commissary officer and Capt. E. M. Neville, of the quartermaster's corps. They are unique in soldiers' camps and attracted considerable attention today.

The traps are made of wood and fine screen wire and are most simple in construction. The wire is attached to four uprights and a cone, also made of wire and about the size of a family flytrap, is inserted in an opening left in the round piece of wood which forms the bottom of the device. The top is fitted with a hinged door out of which the 5,000,000 flies are to be dumped "when a quorum is present."

The traps will be baited with brown sugar. The theory of the inventors is that the flies, attracted by the sugar, will enter the conical wire device at the bottom of the trap.

At the apex of the cone Mr. Fly will find a hole which will admit him to the big trap. Once inside, the fly has to have enough sense to find that same identical opening at the apex of the cone to get out into the world again. The inventors figure that very few flies have that much sense and they therefore predict big catches in the traps.

Each of the traps is about the size of a barrel. A corps of carpenters is turning them out at the rate of one every ten minutes today.

Hydrant as Hitching Post Provokes "Y" Secretary

Ordinarily Charles B. Bell, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. tent at the District militia mobilization camp, is a peaceful person. But when an artilleryman tied a horse to the Y. M. C. A. hydrant yesterday and the animal became frightened and ran away with the faucet, Assistant Secretary Bell almost lost his temper. He admitted he was "considerably provoked."

As a result of the artilleryman using the hydrant for a hitching post water spouted from the broken pipe as if from a fountain until a plumber was summoned from Fort Myer.

Assistant Secretary Bell is getting his first taste of army life and appears to enjoy it. He is known as "the volunteer secretary of the Y. M. C. A." and is considered a valuable man by A. L. Lisner, veteran army secretary of the association. Bell says he is ready to go to the Mexican border. The assistant secretary donates his services to the Y. M. C. A. because he likes the work. His kindness and courtesies have given him wide spread popularity among "the boys."

Guardsmen Organize Another Baseball Team

After hearing of the activities of the baseball team from Troop A, of the cavalry, the men in the regimental infirmary attached to the Third Regiment, have organized a team. These men are willing to "take on" Troop A whenever a game can be arranged.

The men have long ago settled down into the routine life of the camp, and established among themselves various sources of amusement. There had already been on one fight and another has been arranged for the "day after tomorrow," but many of the men seem to doubt whether this will ever come. Now that several baseball teams have been formed rivalry exists for the title of "world's champions."

Takes Army Examination To See If He Is Healthy

A young man took the physical examination for enlistment at Fort Myer yesterday. When it came to taking the bath, however, he balked, saying he had just wanted to see if he was healthy. Inquiry revealed he had gone through the same process at Philadelphia and Detroit recruiting stations.

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